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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original x **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date Prepared: 2/5/2024
Bill No: HM 46

Sponsor: Rep. Sariñana

Short Title: Fed Affordable Connectivity Program

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HM 46 seeks to convey a message to the New Mexico congressional delegation urging the continuation of funding for the federal Affordable Connectivity Program (“ACP”). The ACP was established as part of the 2021 Infrastructure and Jobs Act bill to subsidize the cost of broadband internet service for households at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty guidelines. The Program is managed by the Federal Communications Commission, which will stop accepting applications on February 7, 2024; funding for ACP is expected to run out by April 2024. According to the nonprofit, Universal Service Administrative Co., 182,241 households in New Mexico receive benefits from the program. Accordingly, termination of the ACP will result in a higher cost of accessing broadband for these households.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

NA

TECHNICAL ISSUES

NA

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

NA

ALTERNATIVES

NA

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

NA

AMENDMENTS